

Thursday, October 30, 1997

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

The House passed H.R. 2493, Forage Improvement Act.

The House passed H.R. 1270, Nuclear Waste Policy Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S11395–S11502

Measures Introduced: Eight bills and one resolution were introduced, as followed: S. 1344–1351, and S. Con. Res. 58. Pages S11448–49

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:
Reported on Wednesday, October 29, 1997:

S. 987, to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize a cost-of-living adjustment in the rates of disability compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of such veterans and to revise and improve certain veterans compensation, pension, and memorial affairs programs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 105–120) Page S11446

Reported today:

S. 714, to make permanent the Native American Veteran Housing Loan Pilot Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 105–123)

S. 1231, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 1998 and 1999 for the United States Fire Administration. (S. Rept. No. 105–124)

S. 799, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to transfer to the personal representative of the estate of Fred Steffens of Big Horn County, Wyoming, certain land comprising the Steffens family property, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 105–125)

S. 814, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to transfer to John R. and Margaret J. Lowe of Big Horn County, Wyoming, certain land so as to correct an error in the patent issued to their predecessors in interest, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 105–126)

S. 1324, to deauthorize a portion of the project for navigation, Biloxi Harbor, Mississippi.

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Measures Passed:

Military Construction Appropriations-Vetoed Provisions: By 69 yeas to 30 nays (Vote No. 287), Senate passed S. 1292, disapproving the cancellations transmitted by the President on October 6, 1997, regarding Public Law 105–45, after withdrawing the committee amendment. Pages S11410–21, S11423–34

Technical Corrections to Copyright Laws: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 672, to make technical amendments to certain provisions of title 17, United States Code, and the bill was then passed after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Grassley (for Hatch) Amendment No. 1541, to provide that distribution of phonorecords before January 1, 1978, shall not constitute publication of musical works. Page S11498

Family Farmer Protection Act: Senate passed S. 1024, to make chapter 12 of title 11 of the United States Code permanent. Page S11499

Invest in Education Act: Senate passed S. 1149, to amend title 11, United States Code, to provide for increased education funding, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. Page S11499

Campaign Finance Reform—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for the consideration of proposed legislation to reform campaign financing. Pages S11421–22

(Note—Correction: In the Digest of Wednesday, October 29, page D1164, Senate took the following action:)

National Defense Authorization Act—Conference Report: Senate began consideration of a motion to proceed to the consideration of the conference report on H.R. 1119, to authorize appropriations for

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fiscal year 1998 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, for defense activities of the Department of Energy, and to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces.

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Executive Reports of Committees: Senate received the following executive reports of a committee:

Report to accompany Taxation Agreement with Turkey, with one declaration and one proviso. (Treaty Doc. 104-30) (Exec. Rept. No. 105-6).

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Report to accompany Taxation Convention with Austria, with one understanding, two declarations, and one proviso. (Treaty Doc. 104-31) (Exec. Rept. No. 105-7)

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Report to accompany Taxation Convention with Luxembourg, with one reservation, two declarations, and one proviso. (Treaty Doc. 104-33) (Exec. Rept. No. 105-8)

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Report to accompany Taxation Convention with Thailand, with one declaration and one proviso. (Treaty Doc. 105-2) (Exec. Rept. No. 105-9)

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Report to accompany Tax Convention with Switzerland, with two declarations and one proviso. (Treaty Doc. 105-8) (Exec. Rept. No. 105-10)

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Report to accompany Tax Convention with South Africa, with one declaration and one proviso. (Treaty Doc. 105-9) (Exec. Rept. No. 105-11)

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Report to accompany Protocol Amending Tax Convention with Canada, with one declaration and one proviso. (Treaty Doc. 105-29) (Exec. Rept. No. 105-12)

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Report to accompany Tax Convention with Ireland, with one understanding, two declarations, and one proviso. (Treaty Doc. 105-31) (Exec. Rept. No. 105-13)

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Messages From the President: Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting the report of the agreement for co-operation between the United States and Brazil concerning peaceful uses of nuclear energy; referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (PM-76).

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations: By unanimous vote of 98 yeas (Vote No. 286 EX), Charles J. Siragusa, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of New York.

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Edward M. Gramlich, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve

System for the unexpired term of fourteen years from February 1, 1994.

Roger Walton Ferguson, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System for the unexpired term of fourteen years from February 1, 1986. Pages S11434-42, S11501

John E. Mansfield, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board for a term expiring October 18, 2001.

Margaret Ann Hamburg, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services.

Charles N. Jeffress, of North Carolina, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor.

Mary Ann Cohen, of California, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court for a term of fifteen years after she takes office.

David W. Wilcox, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

Kenneth R. Wykle, of Virginia, to be Administrator of the Federal Highway Administration.

Stanford G. Ross, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Social Security Advisory Board for a term expiring September 30, 2002.

27 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

3 Army nominations in the rank of general.

45 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, Navy.

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—287) Pages S11410, S11434

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m., and adjourned at 6:50 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Friday, October 31, 1997. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S11501.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Robert M. Walker,